

Testimony in Support of SF 1594

Members of the Senate Education Finance Committee,

My name is Betty Greene. I am a community member in Duluth MN who strongly supports public education. I am not able to testify in person but want you to know I am writing in support of SF 1594.

Years ago the base special education appropriation for school districts was based on the costs of special education in that particular year. Independent School District No. 709, Duluth Public Schools, had unusual costs that year, and as a result received too low of an appropriation for that year and every year since. This bill increases ISD 709's special education base costs by \$500,000 on a continuing basis to make up for that anomaly.

I am asking for you to support this bill. It will make a huge difference for special education students in the Duluth Public Schools.

Thank you.